

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 384

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Shelton, 2009
Valedictorian of Dickson County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Shelton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, she has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Rachel has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations, including the Beta Club and the French Club; and

WHEREAS, Rachel displayed her musical gift while participating in the Dickson County High School band; recognizing her many musical talents, she received the Band Department Award, and was selected to the Tennessee Mid-State Band, the Mid-State Orchestra, and the All-State Band; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shelton has dedicated her time and energies to many community activities including playing in the Renaissance Center community band and as a member of St. George's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Rachel was honored as a National Merit Finalist and was voted as Most Intellectual by her senior classmates; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shelton's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Trina Shelton and Michael Shelton, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Dickson County High School Valedictorian, Rachel Shelton, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.